

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A heat resistant masking tape, comprising (1) a heat resistant backing film layer, wherein a surface of the heat resistant backing film layer is surface treated; and (2) a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer disposed on the treated surface of the heat resistant backing film layer, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer comprises a polymer resulting from polymerizing and cross-linking a nonaqueous monomer mixture comprising an alkyl (meth)acrylate with an alkyl group having 4 to 15 carbon atoms, glycidyl(meth)acrylate and (meth)acrylic acid, the glycidyl(meth)acrylate being present in an amount of 2 to 13% by weight of the total weight of monomers and the (meth)acrylic acid being present in an amount of 1 to 7% by weight of the total weight of monomers.
2. (Original) A heat resistant masking tape according to claim 1, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer has a thickness of 0.5 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. (Previously presented) A heat resistant masking tape according to claim 1, wherein said heat resistant backing film layer is a layer of polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene sulfide or polyimide.
4. (Previously presented) A heat resistant masking tape according to claim 1, wherein said heat resistant backing layer has a thickness of 1 to 250  $\mu\text{m}$ .
5. (New) A heat resistant masking tape, comprising (1) a heat resistant backing film layer; and (2) a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer disposed on the heat resistant backing film layer, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer comprises a polymer resulting from polymerizing and cross-linking a monomer mixture consisting essentially of an alkyl (meth)acrylate with an alkyl group having 4 to 15 carbon atoms, glycidyl(meth)acrylate and (meth)acrylic acid, the glycidyl(meth)acrylate being present in an amount of 2 to 13% by weight

of the total weight of monomers and the (meth)acrylic acid being present in an amount of 1 to 7% by weight of the total weight of monomers.